

**REMARKS**

The present Amendment is in response to the Examiner's Communication mailed January 22, 2004. Claim 1 is corrected in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121 with markings to show the changes made to this claim in the Amendment filed on October 31, 2003. No new matter has been added.

Consideration of the amendments in view of the remarks presented in the response submitted on October 31, 2003 is respectfully requested.

## CONCLUSION

In light of the amendments and arguments set forth above, Applicants earnestly believe that they are entitled to a letters patent and respectfully request the Examiner to expedite prosecution of this patent application to issuance. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicant(s) petition(s) for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. (529282000220).

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